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Whitby brothers Theron Schweizer, 9, left, and Caelan, 7, (with Joe Boice of Haliburton at back) smile through clenched teeth during a tug of war battle on the last day of the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve's three-day March break day camp on Thursday, March 15. See more on page 15.

Darren Lum
Staff

Possible EMS shortfall causes anxiety

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County councillors and staff members are holding their breath as they wait for the province to announce land ambulance grants for 2012.

Depending on how much money the county will be receiving from the province, councillors may have some difficult decisions to make.

Historically, the funding has been 50 per cent, with a yearly inflationary increase.

At a March 14 emergency services committee meeting, EMS director Pat Kennedy presented committee members with a number of budget options based on the assumption there will be no more money coming to the table from the province.

In this scenario, leaving the EMS budget as it is would mean reducing the enhanced shifts the

department offers during July and August, reducing staff training and potentially increasing the number of times and length of time the county would be without any available ambulances.

Maintaining the enhanced summer shifts would mean adding \$40,000 to the budget.

Increasing coverage to keep up with increasing call volumes (which would mean staffing an additional ambulance seven days a week

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Councillors lean toward further tax increase for service

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beginning in June) would mean finding an additional \$140,000.

"It's a scary number," Kennedy said.

Treasurer Laura Janke wanted to know what the committee's recommendation would be given the worst-case scenario and members were unanimous that increasing service was the only way to go.

"I don't think we can do anything but go with an enhanced service," said Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge. "I don't think in good conscience we can go backwards."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt agreed and said if it was necessary, the county should turn to its taxpayers for the money.

"At some point, you have to acknowledge this is what the bill is and we're divvying it up," Moffatt said. "There's nowhere else to get it from. At some point in time you have to stop moving those pennies around the same bucket."

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis and Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch agreed with enhancing the service to keep up with call volumes.

"There's your answer from this group," said Murdoch, who chairs the committee.

That recommendation will be taken to full county council at the end of the month.

The province will be delivering its budget March 27.

The draft EMS budget for 2012 is approximately \$2.3 million.

Keeping department budgets low, councillors have been trying to keep the tax levy increase to two per cent.

Finding an additional \$140,000 would equate to an approximate increase of one per cent. For property owners, each one per cent increase over last year equates to approximately \$1.80 for every \$100,000 of assessment.

Tory Hill EMS base soon complete

Project running on schedule and on budget, emergency services director tells councillors

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The standby EMS base at Tory Hill should be completed in the next four to six weeks.

That was the word from county EMS director Pat Kennedy during a March 14 emergency services committee meeting.

Running on schedule and on budget, the walls and roof have been installed on an addition to the old Tory Hill fire hall, which will house space for staff, a washroom and stor-

age area.

A portion of the old building, which included a rotted roof, has been knocked down and some of the old windows are being reused.

The building will have white siding and a blue roof.

Kennedy said the contractor hired for the job, Mark Lane Construction, has been wonderful to work with.

Lane had the lowest bid for the job at just more than \$150,000.

The standby base is being built to improve emergency response times in the eastern portion of Haliburton County.

The county purchased the old fire hall from Highlands East for \$2.

As for the potential combined county/Minden Hills EMS/fire base on the old Walker's Auto Repair property in Minden, county councillors are expecting a presentation from architects at their meeting in late March.



It's melting!

It's time to place your bet for when the last bit of ice will melt off Head Lake.

The winner receives a free one-year subscription to the *Haliburton Echo*.

You can call in your guess (705-457-1037); email it to halib.editor@sunmedia.ca or drop it off to the office at 146 Highland St. by March 29.

Please include your name, phone number and the date and time that the last piece of ice will melt. (Other interesting anecdotes are also welcome.)

OPP warn residents of dangerous water conditions

With the current streak of warm weather in Haliburton and temperatures forecast in the double digits this week, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are advising residents to be aware of open and fast moving water.

As spring rapidly approaches we will see water levels rise and become unstable due to excessive snow runoff.

Rivers will be moving fast with strong currents and the water is still very cold.

Residents should be aware of the dangers present around rivers and open water and certainly be mindful of children

who might be curious and venture too close to these highly dangerous areas.

The OPP strongly urge parents to take the time to properly educate their children of the dangers of spring runoff conditions.

Furthermore, the OPP wish to remind snowmobilers and other ice going adventurers to check before you go when approaching frozen waterways. Plan ahead, stop to be sure and proceed only if it's safe to do so.

Submitted by Haliburton OPP

The Highlands Weekender

March 22, 2012

Annual event celebrates research



U-Links Centre for Community Based Research is hosting its annual Celebration of Research on Saturday, March 24 at Fleming College, Haliburton Campus in the The Great Hall. The following is a planned schedule of the event:

1 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. - Welcome and Introduction
1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. - Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sean Thomas Canada Research Chair, Forests and Environmental Change Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto. Beyond the Pulp: The surprisingly strange ecology of sugar maple saplings.

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Network with researchers and community developers, view the poster displays of this year's student research projects as well as others presented by organizations within our community and enjoy refreshments.

Catering by Maddy's Bakes Bakery, 170 Bobsaygon Road, Minden.

For more information please contact Sonja Marx at U-Links 705-286-2411 or admin@u-links.ca

U-Links director Heather Best announces the students for their efforts in completing research in Haliburton County at the 12th annual U-Links Celebration of Research held at the Fleming College.

Free in your mailbox on Thursday...

This week's Weekender:

- Celebration of research
- Where to look for good reads
- Home: 50 years old, time to change?
- Colorectal cancer is treatable and beatable
- Cards scores, bowling scores

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Aniz closes its doors for good

➤ Restaurant decides not to open come summer

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The trip to the Mediterranean has come to an end.

Haliburton restaurant Aniz will not be opening its doors anymore, as its owners have decided to hang up their aprons for good.

Located at 172 Highland St., Aniz was opened in the spring of 2010 by restaurateur Maarten Steinkamp and chefs David Adams and Christopher Carl.

Since then Aniz has attracted many seasonal and full-time residents with its Mediterranean menu and upscale flair.

However, due to economic hard times and a seasonal population, the restaurant was not open during the recent winter months, instead promising to return come the spring.

This is no longer the case, confirmed Steinkamp and Adams, (Carl is no longer affiliated with the restaurant).

"It's sort of the Haliburton condition, in the sense that in the winter the restaurant doesn't do very well. As a result of that, Maarten and his wife Laura are just not able to or willing to continue supporting the restaurant on the shortfall," said Adams, who was the head chef at Aniz.

Steinkamp possessed 30 per cent of the restaurant's stake and owns the building Aniz was located in.

Adams as well as two other staff members owned the remainder of the restaurant's stake, said Steinkamp.

"We helped them get started but after two years we said you need to start standing on your own feet," said Steinkamp.

Ultimately the restaurant's fate was in their hands, said Steinkamp.

"He had asked if I would be willing to run it but unfortunately I don't have the wherewithal to run the restaurant in the lean times," said Adams.

Understanding the challenges that come with running a seasonal operation, Steinkamp sympathized with the decision.

"They do not feel comfortable to operate a business year-round ... so they decided not to go forward and we respect their decision," said Steinkamp.

Despite giving it their best effort there are some variables beyond one's control,

such as the cost of food and the price of tax, said Steinkamp.

"It is expensive to run a business on the main street," said the restaurateur, who owns family-style eatery McKecks in Haliburton.

Adams said although he tried to make the restaurant recession proof by offering more reasonable prices, there was only so much he could do.

"We're very proud and pleased of the restaurant in the fact that people who dine regularly, they felt very comfortable at Aniz, and we thought it added to the tapestry of the town," he said.

During its run the restaurant received rave reviews online, said Steinkamp.

"I think they're very proud of what they've achieved. We were very proud to be a part of it," said Steinkamp.

Despite the turn of events Adams believes the restaurant was well received during its run.

"We've had emails sent to us from people from out of town, like Burnaby, B.C., wondering when we're going to open," he said.

An infant in restaurant years, Aniz had to be coddled in the good times and bad, said Adams.

"Maarten and I have a good relationship and I can't expect for him to shoulder this loss. I was hopeful that in time this restaurant would be able to sustain itself," said Adams.

Looking to the future Adams is considering his options, contemplating a return to the restaurant Rhubarb or joining a different establishment.

"I'm just trying to see what the next option will be," he said.

Aniz as a concept will still exist in some form, said Steinkamp.

He does not regret trying to bring a taste of something new to the Highlands.

"This is what business is all about, you try things and take a risk," said Steinkamp.

Three parties interested in renting are already eyeing the building.

While nothing has yet been confirmed Steinkamp is hoping to have a tenant in the near future, who will be in operation by this summer.

"We want to make sure that something goes in there that is attractive to the town," he said.

Steinkamp has no plans to have any stake in the new business, however he is certain it will bring value to the main street.

"We have every interest in having a successful business in the building," said Steinkamp.



Opened in the spring of 2010, the restaurant's closure comes on the heels of a slow economic time.



Angelica Blenich Staff

After being closed for the duration of the winter months, Aniz restaurant, located at 172 Highland St., will not be opening its doors come summertime.

Library hosts springtime fun during March Break

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The sun was shining and the seeds were being planted at the Dysart library on March 15.

Just in time for the spring weather, the March Break gave kids the opportunity to enjoy a number of activities, coordinated by Laura Redman.

Approximately 30 children and their parents came out to partake in crafts, story time, singing and music making at the library.

Each child was given a flowerpot to decorate and a choice of seeds to plant, including sunflower or pumpkin.

The activities were also held at the Minden Hills and Wilberforce branches.

Photos by Angelica Blenich



Alivia Brown, 2, dabs paint onto her flower pot to give it some colour at the Dysart library branch on March 15. The library was host to March Break festivities for children led by Laura Redman.



Dawson, left, and sister Jaiden Mueller reach to fill their flower pots with dirt.



Judy Pergolas, left, watches granddaughter Lola Braund, 4, fill her flower pot with dirt.



Children catch a glimpse of a flying scarf.

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Local parties hope funding continues for youth justice program

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It has been making a difference in the lives of youth for the past 11 years.

The Haliburton Youth Justice Committee (HYJC) is a provincial program that helps those who have committed a first time minor offence get back on the right track.

Facilitated by Point in Time Centre for Children and Youth, the initiative falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Attorney General.

Under provincial review, the program was recently not renewed for a full year of funding, as it has been in previous years, instead only receiving four months worth of funds.

The shift threatens the program's future, leaving youth workers concerned about its viability.

The program aims to bring together those who have committed an offence, their parents, the victims and members of the community, with the purpose of providing a way for the youth to make amends for their actions.

Stressing its importance to the community, Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time, is hopeful those who have been impacted or involved with the program will speak out in support of it.

"I think it's something like \$80,000 to \$90,000 that it cost to keep somebody in a correctional facility for the course of a year. This program has seen, in the last year, just over 20 people. If it kept one person out of a correctional facility that would more than pay for the program," said Cox.



If you look at this from an economic perspective, it doesn't make sense to cut this program.

— Marg Cox
Executive director, Point in Time

Under the coordination of Donna Austin, the program has helped more than 200 people since its inception, Cox estimated.

Aside from financial benefit, the program also provides life-changing effects to a young offender.

"Research is showing more and more the way to turn people away from not doing it is to develop empathy and understanding for the impact of their actions," said Cox.

The HYJC is comprised of dedicated and skilled volunteers who work with Austin in

finding a suitable way for the young person to make amends and learn from their experience.

"Because this program does this, not just once but 20 times a year, that's very powerful in helping youth change the trajectory of their life," said Cox.

The community support is something that can make all the difference in turning an offender into an active, healthy member of society, said Cox.

According to a press release issued by Point in Time, their research shows that 93 per cent of victims and 100 per cent of offenders surveyed reported they found the restorative justice meeting helpful in resolving the incident, and over 96 per cent of both parties would recommend this process to others.

"If you look at this from an economic perspective it doesn't make sense to cut this program," said Cox.

Carolynn Coburn has been practising law for the past 16 years, primarily working as a defence lawyer in both adult and youth criminal court.

As a volunteer Coburn was involved in bringing the restorative justice program to Haliburton County as a pilot project and believes it is worth fighting for (see letter on page 7).

"Since it got started I was one of a number of people who put their names down as someone who would co-facilitate the circles, which I have done periodically over the years," said Coburn.

The idea for restorative justice was examined in a book titled *Return to the Teaching*, based on the First Nations approach of embracing the wrongdoer, said Coburn.

In Haliburton County those who qualify for the HYJC can be referred by law enforcement officials, such as a police officer.

"If they think this is not worth the trouble and expense of the court system, but this kid needs to be redirected, they can call up the youth justice program and say can you see if you can help this kid? Just laying a charge is the beginning of a significant expense to the system," said Coburn.

In a community as small and tight-knit as Haliburton, a program such as this one can go a long way.

"What I've seen in the circles is the youth has to describe what happened and has to take responsibility and it's really difficult ... it's not a piece of cake for these kids. I've heard the kids afterwards feeling so relieved and satisfied with themselves, that they have owned up to it and taken responsibility," she said.

Looking to the future, Coburn would like to see the program become a permanent part of the system.

Point in Time has not been given any indication of when the review will be completed or what is in store for future funding, said Cox.



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points of view

Our water

THIS ISSUE WE mark Canada Water Week, a time set aside to think about how we use and interact with water.

Surrounded by lakes, wetlands and rivers, it's unlikely that we in the Highlands lose sight of where our water comes from, but its prevalence may limit our concern for how much we use it.

This year's Water Week campaign asks us to examine the amounts of water we consume – not only by the glass, but through the food we eat and the clothes we wear.

The website canadawaterweek.com tells us that each of us consumes 6,400 litres of water a day taking into account the water needed to raise livestock or make fabric.

It's enough to make you think twice about the burger you're about to eat or that cotton T-shirt you bought last weekend.

That is one level of water consciousness.

Another is to be aware on an intimate, local level of our water resources.

We don't have large, commercial farms here, or garment factories, but we do struggle with water usage.

As was highlighted by the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow's co-chair Chris Riddle, many of our

lakes suffer from lopsided management.

Water is taken too quickly or slowly, too much or too little based on a system that was designed a long time ago to benefit those using the Trent Severn Waterway's canals.

Run by Parks Canada, the whole system turns on the enjoyment of boaters in the south end of the waterway, rather than taking in the concerns of everyone.

It's an outdated mentality that the coalition is campaigning to have changed.

On the quality side, there is another host of challenges.

The products we use in our homes – the shampoo, soap, laundry detergent, cleaning solution – does impact our lakes.

Rob Davis of Ecoethic explains in this week's edition that poorly maintained, old septic systems can accelerate the natural aging process of the lake.

What we flush in our toilets – especially if we live near the lake – ends up in the water.

These are just two issues that involve our water supply.

This week, why not take a few moments to think about our water and what we can do to conserve and protect it.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Sign of spring

photo by Darren Lum

Luck of the draw

AS HARD AS IT is to believe, the other day I made a really good shot with my longbow in front of a credible witness. This is something that occasionally happens to an outdoorsman – typically with about the same frequency as a lottery win or the growth of new hair in wanted places.

In fact, this happens so infrequently to most outdoors enthusiasts, that we don't even know how to handle it.

Sadly, confronted with this, most shooters would just continue on as if nothing miraculous had just happened. Then, they would go and ruin the moment by attempting a second shot.

Trust me. This is not the right thing to do.

Let's take my action on that shot as a textbook example of the correct technique.

After my buddy Tom retrieved the arrow from an old decoy he had set out in the field, he looked at me with renewed respect and said, "Great shot! You put that arrow right through its head. First shot too!"

Obviously, he was impressed. More than that, he had finally grasped what a longbow could do in the right hands.

Which was why that was no time to tell him that I was aiming at the bucket three feet to the left.

I mean, why ruin the fantasy for him.

Instead, I did the right thing and quickly unstrung my longbow.

Forget to do this and you run the risk of being talked into taking a second shot.

And this is the surest way to undo all the good to your reputation that the first shot did.

Unless, of course, you aim at the decoy and you drill the bucket three feet to the right.

In this case, you can quickly dispel all doubt, by saying "Well, that's two for two!"

But that's far too risky, if you ask me.

No, it's far better to put the bow away and never shoot in front of that person again

for the rest of your life. Instead, stick an arrow in the bull's eye of a target in your yard and whenever that person pulls up into the driveway, greet him with bow in hand and then casually walk over to the target and pull the arrow out.

I know it sounds extreme. But trust me, if you want people to think you are a good shot, the less you shoot, the better.

Don't believe me?

Well, think about this. We've all heard about William Tell knocking the apple off of his son's head or Robin Hood splitting the arrow at that legendary tournament right? OK, now who has heard of any other shot either of them made after that?

I rest my case.

You see, I don't care how good you are. At one time or another, every archer needs to rely on the luck of the draw.



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points of view

Time to move

"IS IT TIME YET?" asked the young adult, hopping from one foot to the other. The warm air wafted through the trees and a much warmer sun promised more of the same. This would be the first flight back. How good was his memory of the place to which he was returning? He pondered this question even while he pecked at his food. And then it was time. As if directed by an invisible conductor, a flock of them suddenly rose up and took to the skies. Gradually the distance from the ground below grew greater until the greenery turned to mottled clouds. They were on their way back to Canada.

"Is it time yet?" wondered the small green shoot barely poking its way up to the warmth. Around its slim and tender sides the earth was strewn with sloppy old leaves, dead grass and leavings from the family's dog. Although these surroundings were less than inviting, the heat above ground was like a magnet pulling the tentative plant away from winter's hard cold prison. Oh to be able to stretch and spread, soaking up all this new world had to offer.



Sharon Lynch
Down our Road

"Is it time yet?" thought the woman, peering into her almost overflowing compost bin and wondering if the skunks, raccoons and bears were awake and moving around. The mud was thick in the yard and a hodgepodge of rubber boots spilled over the tray by the door. Her fingers itched to be outside raking leaves left from the fall and cleaning up after the dog. But would this weather hold or was it just a teaser before another dumping of snow? She had seen snow in April, confusing tulips and flabbergasting robins.

"Is it time yet?" queried the child, watching steam rise from the huge tanks of boiling sap. There was very little snow left and what there was looked tired and dirty, stuck in the shadow of the sugar shack. Still a piece of bread dipped in this year's syrup was just as good as maple sweetness spread on the ground. But it took so very long for the tree's gift to transform. And this year the grownups were saying there wouldn't be as much. The weather had not been right; the sap had not moved up and down between night and day as is best.

"Is it time yet?" hoped the old man, watching the ice on the lake turn cloudy and grey. He longed to see open water and the loons' return. Winter grew longer each year and he waited with anticipation for the companionship that returned with spring. Once the ice was gone, he knew many of his neighbours would make the trek back from Florida, Texas and Arizona. There would be card games and boat rides and the drawn-out call of the loons that he so loved to hear.

"Is it time yet?" speculated the man with his chainsaw and axe at the ready. Time to start on next year's wood supply, time to cut the downed trees into smaller lengths, split and pile them for sale later. But no sense in rushing the season. Rain and snow just made it harder to move around and ugly weather was no fun for anyone, man or beast. But it would be good to get a start on it.

"Is it time yet?" said the look in the boy's eye as he hauled out his bike and stood it on its stand in the hopeful sunlight. The road was rutted and wet, almost as bad as the driveway and he hadn't seen any of his friends out on their bikes yet. Still it wouldn't hurt to check things over, make sure all was in good working order so he'd be ready when the time came. Maybe he needed a new helmet too. He wondered if helmets ever came with a scull and crossbones.

"Is it time yet?" pondered the sales clerk looking at the large new display of seed packets prominently displayed beside the gardening tools. Pictures of perfectly formed vegetables and flowers, richly abundant in their many shapes and hues, beckoned the frustrated farmer in so many folks. Grow lights and hopeful attitudes could hurry the season along. The young woman already had mentally planned what she would be growing and where.

They lay in bed waiting for sleep and wondering when it would be time. Time to do and enjoy all the things they would be taking for granted in just a few months. Not just yet. But soon.



pic of the past

Allcorn's store, Carnarvon. Submitted by Grant and Mary McCracken. If you have a pic of the past you'd like to submit, bring it to the *Echo* at 146 Highland Street.

letters to the editor

Locals vs tourists

To the Editor,

Re: editorial, *Be an ambassador*, March 13

We bought a cottage in the Haliburton Highlands 10 years ago and are raising our children with the help of the incredible experiences they are having learning to ski, snowboard and mountain bike at Sir Sam's, ride a horse at The Farm in Eagle Lake and develop their artistic side at the Haliburton School of the Arts. We attend the Santa Claus parade, the Haliburton County Fair, and Art in the Park to mention but a few of the wonderful events organized throughout the year. We have made it a policy to buy our groceries in Haliburton and support the local economy in every way we can. We donate to the hospital campaigns, Community Living and Rotary Club each year. Our jobs are in the city but, like many cottagers and tourists, we see Haliburton as the place that rounds out our lives and to which we have a strong connection. We have met and become friends with other families who are able to make Haliburton their year round home, as well as those like us who have to travel back and forth.

Today, I went to visit a Haliburton area store to purchase a birthday present for one of my daughter's friends. They have a magnet there that says, "If it's tourist season, does that mean we can shoot them?" During the summer, one of the staff behind the counter at another shop was wearing a T-shirt that said, "Don't harass me - I'm a local." I could go on (proud to be local bumper stickers, disparaging comic strips posted in grocery stores at the cash register highlighting the ignorance of city people, etc.), but you get the idea. Yes, I agree, an us vs. them mentality certainly exists and it doesn't help anyone.

Theresa Kim
Haliburton/Toronto

Reinstate funding

To the Editor,

Re: open letter to The Honourable John Gerretsen, Ministry of the Attorney-General

I am a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada, practising in Haliburton County and City of Kawartha Lakes. I appear in youth court, either as private counsel or as duty counsel. I am also a member of the Haliburton County Youth Justice Committee and one of the volunteer facilitators in youth justice circles held in the county. I have been involved since before the ministry began pilot programs around the province.

I am informed that funding for our one staff person in Haliburton County is being cut and that funding for the City of Kawartha Lakes program is also being cut.

I am writing to object. These programs are cost-effective. They need professionals to be run effectively. They cannot be run by volunteers alone. They allow our youth to redirect their lives towards law-abiding, productive activities. Our current co-ordinator in Haliburton has spent a great deal of time educating and building relationships with our local law enforcement staff, with probation officers, with youth support workers, with the local schools, and with related agencies. Her office is ideally located at Point in Time, where she can access professionals in related fields. She sits on the local Human Services and Justice Co-ordinating Committee. Her work has a ripple-effect in the community.

I am writing to ask you to reinstate the funding for the youth justice programs. Discontinuing these programs would be a mistake. Any short-term cost-savings will be far less than the long-term societal costs associated with youth who won't have the benefit of those early interventions. Save money. Keep these programs.

Mary Carolynn
Coburn

Another side to Clear Lake conflict

Jenn Watt
Editor

While it may seem that the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve dispute is a case of landowners versus the Ministry of Natural Resources, there is another dimension to the tug of war over how to manage the protected land north of Haliburton.

Cottage owners from the reserve who agree with MNR restrictions on all-terrain vehicle use, cached boats and groomed trails have come forward and are writing letters to the ministry asking them to keep the recently released management document as is.

"I think people of Haliburton ... were quite proud of the fact that this [land] was set aside," Jim Nighswander said in an interview with the *Echo*.

Nighswander is an environmental consultant with a PhD in forestry genetics who has a cabin on Clear Lake.

He was also instrumental in having the area designated a reserve in 1997.

In the last month or so, the MNR has put forward a management statement that restricts caching boats to those who own property on the lakes, limits ATV usage and bans trail grooming for cross-country skiing.

These restrictions raised the ire of several landowners and users who voiced concern to the ministry at an open house meeting in February and brought together about 150 supporters at the West Guilford Community Centre March 10.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey attended the most recent meeting and was vocally opposed to the MNR restrictions, later bringing it to the attention of county councillors on March 14. (See related story on page 9.)

Nighswander agrees with the MNR management statement wholeheartedly, because it serves to protect old growth eastern hemlock stands and the sanctity of the reserve's lakes, particularly Black Cat Lake.

That lake is called meromictic, which means the water doesn't circulate the way it does in most lakes.

This makes it particularly interesting to scientists who are able to study the history of the area by examining the undisturbed sediments from hundreds of years ago.

It's also one of the reasons the reserve came to be.

"The International Botanical Congress met in Toronto probably about five years before 1997. The question of global warming came up," Nighswander explained.

"Somebody said, if we could just get the last 500 years of climatological data with sedimentary data and what we need is some old trees, 500 years old and sediment to go with it on a lake ... You can get the best sediment from a meromictic lake."

So Nighswander and Canning Lake cottager, former fulltime resident and renowned scientist Orie Loucks suggested Black Cat Lake.

"We took them by canoe ... up to Black Cat Lake and showed them the old growth

around Black Cat Lake and they were just flabbergasted with the old growth, with the trees. We also told them at the time that these trees had been recorded. Orie had worked on them," he said.

Nighswander said he was concerned that the old growth hemlock trees were not being taken into consideration as they should.

He doesn't oppose allowing ski trails to be groomed within the reserve, but he says the MNR must ensure those trails are not encroaching on the hemlocks.

"[If they're] not infringing on Black Cat Lake I can't see anything wrong with that. If they approach the MNR in that light, I think they would be happy to accommodate them to clear trails," he said.

Critics of the management statement have said that the old growth forests are exaggerated and that logging was extensive in the eastern portion of the reserve, leaving trails crisscrossing the land, which are still used today.

"Local residents whose families have been using this area for hunting/recreational purposes for many decades have used these same trails continuously," notes from a Feb. 14 meeting of a group called Friends of the Clear Lake Conservation Area Heritage Trails Association reads.

"Some 'virgin hemlocks' are still evident in the area, but they remain standing primarily because the dictates of their particular location and the Canadian Shield saved them from the logger's saw."

Fellow Clear Lake cottager Klaus Schulenburg is unhappy with trails around the reserve and worries that changes to the MNR plans will lead to pollution and disruption of the environment.

"When this became a reserve we thought, OK, maybe now people should come in there and camp there, but they should do it with respect," said Schulenburg, who has owned a cabin on the lake for 35 years.

"My biggest concern is we don't respect anything any longer, especially what we still have," he said, describing coming up to his cabin to find paths cut through the forest by campers, toilet paper strewn all over.

Schulenburg plans to write to the MNR advocating that they stick to the management statement as presented.

Both Nighswander and Schulenburg agree that ATV use within the reserve should be limited.

"[The reserve is] the gem of the Haliburton Highlands. It's a relatively small area ... If you allow trails in here, does that mean we can build trails in any of this area and run four-wheelers around?" Nighswander said.

The MNR is taking feedback on its preliminary management statement until April 25.

Jim Nighswander submitted this photo showing an ATV with a trailer used for portaging boats between lakes at the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve. He argues that the ATVs cause damage and that these large, built-up portages are not within the spirit of the reserve.



Jenn Watt Staff

The view from a hill overlooking Clear Lake within the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve north of Haliburton.



County wants to hear from public on Clear Lake

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county wants to hear from people affected by the changes the Ministry of Natural Resources is proposing for the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve.

County council will be having a public delegation on the controversial subject at its March 28 meeting, after county Warden Murray Fearrey spoke on the issue during a March 14 county economic development committee meeting.

"The MNR wants to protect the area and that's good," Fearrey said, but added some 200 land users who'd gathered for a public meeting in West Guilford last weekend feel they have been left out of the process.

The warden found this unfair, since the ministry had

consulted the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, as well as five First Nations communities near Orillia, Port Perry and Peterborough.

"They completely avoided talking to the people most affected," he said.

Fearrey suggested the county should be pushing the MNR to delay its process until a thorough discussion with stakeholders can take place.

Algonquin Highlands councillors discussed the issue at their March 15 meeting, with Reeve Carol Moffatt saying the MNR's plans had implications for the township.

There are 11 township taxpayers who own property within the reserve.

There was also some question as to what exactly happens to shoreline road allowances owned by the township, something the township's clerk was looking into.

Moffatt suggested councillors may want to attend the end-of-month county council meeting to hear concerns from the public.

Land users, some of whom own property within the reserve, are upset about a number of proposed changes, including their ability to groom trails and cache boats.

The reserve sits mostly in Algonquin Highlands, on its border with Dysart, surrounded by Kennisis, Red Pine, Big Hawk and Little Hawk lakes.

It became protected in 1997.

The MNR has extended the deadline for public input until April 25.

The March 28 council meeting commences at 9 a.m. in county council chambers on Newcastle Street in Minden.

The Red Hawk Jazz Ensemble earns high silver rating



The Red Hawk Jazz Combo travelled to York University for the GTA Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo Festival. They received high silver. From left, Alana Coty, Matthew Kim, Emily Shapiera, MacKenzie Robinson, Samantha Brixi, Thomas Giguere, Louis Ferracuti and Molly Dehaan. Submitted by Tom Regina

The Red Hawk Jazz program at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School has had a successful festival season.

The Red Hawk Jazz Combo travelled to York University on Feb. 22 to participate in the GTA Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo Festival.

The combo played an energetic performance and earned a high silver performance rating and an invitation to participate at the national finals of MusicFest being held this year in Ottawa from May 15 to 19.

The eight members of the combo are some of the more experienced players from the larger jazz ensemble.

The Red Hawk Jazz Ensemble travelled to Collingwood on March 2 to participate in the Georgian Bay regional of MusicFest where they gave a spirited performance and also earned a high silver rating but did not get an invitation to the national final.

Both groups will be performing in April at a special concert to help the combo to get to Ottawa.

They will also be participating in the local Highlands Music Festival.

Submitted by Tom Regina

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Haliburton's water: the personal and political

Jenn Watt
Editor

Nearly everywhere you look in the Haliburton Highlands you see water.

From lush wetlands to expansive lakes to rushing rivers, this region offers regular reminders of where our water comes from.

With so much around us, it may be hard to remember that water is a fragile and finite resource that needs to be protected.

In this county, several organizations and programs exist to monitor the water and advocate for its conservation.

To mark Water Week (March 19 to 23), we are highlighting a few local issues.

Levels and management

If you live on the lake, one of the most noticeable features is the water levels.

Unlike so many of the country's lakes, more than 60 water bodies within our borders fluctuate drastically to feed the Trent Severn Waterway.

To ensure safe passage of vessels through the canals in the Peterborough area, our lakes must be drained throughout the warmer months.

Over the years, lakefront residents have struggled with Parks Canada, which regulates the water levels, leading to the formation of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) in 2006.

The coalition advocates for a change in the mentality of the system's governance, giving more say to those who live on the reservoir and flow-through lakes.

While there has been progress of late – a panel group on the system released its recommendations in a paper called *It's All About the Water* in 2009 and since then a Water Management Advisory Council was formed – Chris Riddle, co-chair of the coalition, says there is much to be done.

"Until people think about it, very few realize how critical good water management is for the region. It's important in terms of the economy, the social fabric and environmental protection," he says.

"It's a huge amount more than just water levels. Water levels are the things that get people going, but really it's water management in its much broader sense. It's the health of the wetlands, protection of shorelines, all sorts of things go back to water management broadly," Riddle says.

About 40,000 property owners are represented by the coalition on 41 reservoir lakes and 20 flow-through lakes.

Their enjoyment of the water directly affects the tax coffers of the municipalities, putting pressure on government to keep the lakes clean and safe and relatively stable.

Riddle says the levels are merely a symptom of water management practices – good or bad.

When they are bad, not only are cottagers and lakefront communities affected, but so is wildlife.

"The coalition has made TSW aware of a number of concerns relating to the reservoir lakes that result from the current water management model," a recent report from the coalition reads.

"Recently, these concerns have included the issue of high water too early in spring while ice is still present on the lakes as occurred in 2011, problems of shoreline erosion and property damage that occur when extremely high water persists into the boating season, and problems experienced in August 2011 when rapid drawdown created hazardous navigation conditions on several of the reservoir lakes, dangerously high flow rates on some connecting rivers, and restricted access to water-access properties," the paper, entitled *Integrated Water Management*, reads.

Beaver dams, loon nests, fish spawning and water quality can all be affected by levels that are out of sync or flow-through speeds either too fast or slow.

The coalition's focus now is to get the TSW to embrace the concept of "integrated water management."

It may sound complex, but this system simply means taking into account the needs of people throughout the watershed, rather than focusing primarily on the end result – the boats on the canal.

"It's not that one needs to trump the other, it's that we need to come to an accommodation and share the resource. Not just for individual enjoyment, but look at it principally from the environmental protection perspective followed by public safety and then I think recreational enjoyment comes a little lower down the list," he says.

Riddle has a seat on the advisory council, though he wishes an independent body had been created to run the TSW as the panel report of 2009 had recommended.

The coalition's documents, including backgrounders and detailed policy positions, are all available on their website at www.cewf.ca.

Best practices

On a more intimate level, the decisions we make every day can impact Haliburton's water supply.

Every time a lakeside property owner flushes her toilet, washes her hair or pulls up brush from along the shore, she is influencing the lake's health.

Development over the decades has intensified throughout the Highlands and that means the lakes and the animals that depend on them have to withstand the practices of humans.

Rob Davis has been a Lake Kashagawigamog cottager for more than 30 years.

He has been a member of the Lakeland Alliance, gives workshops and presentations on best practices for lake health and is president of Ecoethic, a company that produces environmentally friendly cleaning and septic products.



Keeping shorelines natural is one way to protect our water supply. The buffer reduces nutrients headed for the lakes coming from both natural and human sources. File photo

Davis has been giving presentations on how to protect the lakes for 15 years and says people are starting to understand the importance of eco-friendly living.

"In the big scheme of things, especially when I do part of the septic presentation ... [cottagers] are bringing their city attitudes," says Davis, who notes that he grew up in Toronto, so he understands where that sentiment comes from.

"They bring their dishwashers and hot tubs. The problem is not the appliance, it's the chemicals they use," he says.

People spend a lot of money on their cottages and can feel entitled to enjoy the lake however they like, without understanding the results of overdevelopment, pollution and erosion.

"Density has increased exponentially in the last 15 to 20 years as have the full-time residents on the water. That's put a very big strain on the water resource itself from a usage standpoint. More septic systems. More use of the septic systems. And even a really well maintained and operating septic system still contributes nutrients to the environment and nutrients are the real problem for lakes," says Davis.

"That coupled with shoreline alteration, which is becoming a really serious problem in Haliburton County, you're losing the buffer the shoreline provides."

Nutrients from human waste accelerate plant growth, he says, which dies in

the winter, sinks to the bottom of the lake and soaks up oxygen, hurting the lake trout populations and prematurely age the lake.

"We, as lakeside residents, we input nutrients to the shore in the form of groceries and we process them in our bodies and we dump them on the shore in our septic systems. Mix them with water and into the groundwater it goes," he says.

Davis advocates having septic systems professionally inspected every three to five years and using environmentally friendly, chlorine free products.

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Volunteers driving force at Community Care

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Dave Mount enjoys a Tom Clancy novel as he waits outside the grocery store.

When it is time to hit the road Mount starts up the van and helps an individual into the vehicle, before heading to a different destination.

For Mount, 51, spending time with a senior and helping him with his day-to-day errands is worthwhile in itself.

For the past six months Mount has been a volunteer with Community Care Haliburton County and has enjoyed every minute of it.

A retired firefighter with the city of Toronto, Mount moved up to the area permanently four years ago and decided to embrace the community he now calls home.

"I heard on the radio they were looking for technically minded people to install the emergency response systems, so I thought that was something I could do to give back to the community," said Mount.

Since signing on with the organization dedicated to serving seniors throughout the county Mount has lent his time to fundraising initiatives as well as driving the van.

"I also spend one morning every two weeks answering the phones in the office," he said.

No matter what the task is Mount has enjoyed getting to meet new people and helping out where he can.

"The people at Community Care are fabulous, the staff and volunteers. The best thing is the seniors, they're a lot of fun. I haven't met any crabby ones," he said.

Helping individuals get into town to run errands is very rewarding and the seniors look forward to the trip, said Mount.

The number of hours Mount volunteers changes on a week-to-week basis, with the organization being very flexible to his schedule, he said.

The experience is one he would highly recommend to anyone considering helping out at Community Care.

"It's an absolutely great way to give something back to your community that also directly benefits a certain individual. You're helping one person or three or four people at a time ... you see the smile on their face and thank you a million times over," said Mount.

Doug and Ruth Mitchell have been volunteering with Community Care since 2008 and on the board of directors since 2011.

For the Mitchells, both 72, getting involved with the organization came down to the respect they have for what Community Care brings to the area.

Involved with everything from driving and fundraising, the Mitchells have contributed to various aspect of the organization.

"Volunteer and there is a spot for you," said Ruth.

Both retired, it was the desire to interact with members of the community that inspired the couple, who have lived in the Highlands for the past 35 years, to volunteer locally.

"You get used to that contact and you miss it, and this is a super way to get in contact with people you otherwise



Angelica Blenich Staff

Ruth Mitchell has been a volunteer with Community Care Haliburton County since 2008 and a member of the board of directors since 2011.

Mitchell volunteers her time doing tasks such as fundraising and office duties. She believes the organization dedicated to seniors living throughout Haliburton County is worth volunteering her time to.

wouldn't meet," said Ruth.

Through their time spent with other volunteers and clients of the organization, the Mitchells have found the community to be made up of generous individuals.

"The clients we are serving are really appreciative, it really is a win-win," said Doug.

Without a moment's hesitation both Doug and Ruth would recommend the experience.

"You bring whatever skills you might have to the organization. They don't ask you to do things you don't know how to do," said Ruth.

Before being approved as a volunteer those interested are subject to a screening process, which includes a police check and interview, among other things.

Although lengthy, Ruth encourages potential volunteers to not be intimidated by the process.

"I think that screening process gives people peace of mind, I really think it's so important," said Ruth.

Brigitte Gebauer has been the volunteer coordinator with Community Care for the past five years.

Currently serving more than 1,000 clients, the organization has seven full-time staff members and 140 volunteers, making Community Care dependent on the work of the volunteers, said Gebauer.

"It works hand in hand," she said.

In recognition of their hard work the organization hosts annual events in honour of the volunteers.

The process to becoming a volunteer includes an interview, orientation and training. There is no age limit.

Community Care is currently in need of more volunteers, for a variety of programs.

Drivers are needed for Haliburton, Carnarvon and Dorset.

Those interested in lending their talents to office duties or the fundraising committee are also welcome.

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DeBruin finishes 1,000-mile Iditarod

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It all began with a dream.

On Saturday, March 17 some were celebrating the luck of the Irish, Haliburton's own Hank DeBruin was celebrating the completion of the Iditarod, a 1,000 mile dogsled race across Alaska.

Starting in Anchorage and ending in Nome, the race includes teams of 12 to 16 dogs, who complete the trek anywhere between 10 to 17 days. Some don't complete it at all.

For DeBruin, 49, it took 12 days, 22 hours, 13 minutes and 50 seconds.

The local musher placed 49th out of 66 racers, while only 53 completed the race, according to the Iditarod's official website.

Starting on March 4 with 16 dogs on his team, DeBruin was down to 10 when he crossed the finish line.

According to Sue Yallop of Carnarvon who travelled to Alaska to watch the race, the six dogs who were "dropped" along the way were tired, sore, had tummy problems or were long distance rookies, nothing more serious, and all are back in Anchorage being looked after by "Uncle" Ward McCready, DeBruin's handler and wife Tanya McCready-DeBruin's brother.

Along with his dogs, DeBruin was accompanied on the journey by his family and friends, who were there cheering him on throughout the duration of the trip.

Friends Ed and Sue Yallop flew out to

Anchorage on Feb. 29 to lend their support to DeBruin and McCready-DeBruin, along with the couple's four children.

For Sue it was an experience she will never forget.

"Hank and Tanya gave us credentials so we were allowed behind the scenes, inside the snow fences ... it was spectacular," she said.

For the Carnarvon resident, being so close to the action changed her perspective on the culture of dogsled racing.

"I never thought I'd get into dog-mushing the way I have," said Sue.

This race marked DeBruin's second attempt at the Iditarod, the first left incomplete.

Spending the majority of their eight days with the DeBruins, the Yallops saw firsthand the mental preparation that is involved with completing a race like the Iditarod.

"From everything Tanya told me, he [Hank] was a totally different man this time around than two years ago. Much more relaxed ... seemed to be able to enjoy it more this time around, because he knew what was ahead of him. They were just 100 per cent focused on making sure everything that had to get done did," said Sue.

Off to a solid start, DeBruin was moving well from the get-go, sticking to his plan of running a 12 day race, she said.

Although it is too early to know exactly what DeBruin's plans are for his racing future, Sue believes he has closed the chapter on the Iditarod.



Sophia York, front left, 6, and Denali Nord, 7, give high-fives to Hank DeBruin ahead of the ceremonial start of the 40th Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in downtown Anchorage March 3. This race event has grown from an obscure contest many considered a one-time lark into a world-famous, big-money sports extravaganza. REUTERS/Wayde Carroll

"The indication that I have is that this was a dream and once you've accomplished it you really don't have to go back," she said.

Along with being close friends, the Yallops have supported DeBruin by hosting various fundraisers over the past few years, helping the musher complete his dream.

"Ed and I cannot thank Hank and Tanya enough for making us a part of it," Sue said.

DeBruin was met with positive feedback along the trail, with supporters offering words of encouragement, Sue said.

"It's an incredible thing to finish that race."



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Ontario Early Years Centre hosts a circus inspired day

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The children at the Ontario Early Years Centre were given the opportunity to make mobiles during the circus inspired day. This past week was March Break, giving children an opportunity to spend time with parents.



Lara Gallant, 4, left, works hard to complete her mobile as older sister Liah, 6, tries on her clown mask to show her mother during the circus inspired day at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton on Tuesday, March 13. The Gallant sisters were among several children who wore circus inspired costumes, enjoyed activities and ate popcorn



Seven-month-old William Gallant can't hold back the yawn after a full day of circus inspired activities and playing. William and several other children were putting on their best costumes like his monkey hat.



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Kids get educated during March Break

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Caiti Wager, 9, of Uxbridge, left, (with outdoor educator Sam Allard) wasn't sure what to make of the moose skull at the start of her last day during the three-day March Break day camp offered by the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve on Thursday, March 15.



Caelan Schweizer, 7, left, his brother, Theron Schweizer, 9, Joe Boice, 9, struggle against James Ross, 9, Caiti Wager, 9, and Grace Ross, 10, during the tug of war with outdoor educator Sam Allard, in yellow, looking on as judge on the last day of the three-day March Break day camp.



Outdoor educator Sam Allard, left, watches with Grace Ross as Caiti Wager walks through the hula hoop.

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Councillors in the dark about Haliburton partnership

Peggy Armstrong
The Lindsay Post

The City of Kawartha Lakes has chosen not to partner with Haliburton County in a bid to host the 2014 Ontario Youth Summer Games, a fact that has caught some CKL councillors by surprise.

The city was prepared to support Haliburton if it bid on its own, but not participate, chief administrative officer Al Horsman said in an interview. He explained that the summer is already a busy time for the city and that it is viewed that any investment would be better spent on an event in the winter to attract more people here in the typically slower time of year.

A bid would have required splitting the \$6,000 fee from the consultant Haliburton had lined up to gather the details required by the games to make a bid by May 10, as well as having on reserve \$100,000 each to cover any potential shortfalls from the games.

Horsman said Haliburton sent a letter to CKL and city officials met with the Haliburton County warden and CAO and economic development department, but gave them a verbal response of the decision not to partner.

On March 14, Haliburton councillors on the county's economic development committee decided not to go ahead with the bid without CKL. Haliburton councillors made the decision to approach CKL to partner during its Feb. 22 meeting and sent a letter. CKL held its operating budget meeting on March 5 and followed it with

a brief special council meeting, but the topic was not on the agenda. It also was not on the regular council meeting agenda on March 13. That meeting lasted half an hour.

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey told *The Lindsay Post* on Friday that he and the county CAO met with Horsman and Mayor Ric McGee and then it went to city staff and council. He said he wouldn't comment when told it did not go to council.

"There wasn't much time for them to consider. We understand the decision," Fearrey said.

The consultant told Haliburton councillors that the summer games could bring economic activity of \$2.5 million to \$4 million to host communities. He had suggested that the CKL would host about five of the 33 events.

Horsman said the economic development department is always looking for activities to bring to the city but the winter is a strategically better time to invest.

Councillors in Lindsay, where some of the games might have occurred, were surprised to hear about the issue when contacted by *The Post*.

"I heard nothing about it," Ward 9 Councillor Andy Luff said.

"I'm not saying council would have agreed. I certainly think it would have been nice for us to debate." "I think we should try to attract people regardless of the time of year," he said, adding that businesses in town might have been happy to have had the event.

Ward 12 Councillor Gord James, who sits on the Lindsay downtown business improvement association (BIA), said he hadn't heard about it either.

"I would've thought council could have received the letter or debated getting more information from Haliburton. We should know the opportunities out there."

Ward 10 Councillor Pat Dunn said he didn't recall seeing anything on the matter. He said he was confident regarding the judgment of the city's economic development manager, Lance Sherk.

"If he thought it was a good idea, he would've been all over it," Dunn said.

He said Lindsay is already busy in the summer and wondered whether the dates of the games might have been in conflict with something already scheduled. He said there might not have been enough turnaround time for the matter to go to council, although he noted, "We certainly had time on the 13th. It was a pretty quiet meeting."

One of Haliburton County's main challenges was that it did not have the facilities necessary for the games in events such as baseball, field hockey, track, swimming and rugby.

Haliburton had sought the CKL as a partner because Lindsay had most of the needed facilities, such as the rubberized track surface at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Lindsay.

The games could have brought about 3,500 visitors to the hosts and require about 1,000 volunteers. The logistics of where to lodge them was also a challenge to Haliburton.

Another stumbling block was that an Olympic-size pool was needed for the swimming events, which would have required busing competitors to either Ottawa or the Greater Toronto Area.

Haliburton County will not host 2014 summer games

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County will not be submitting a bid to host the 2014 Ontario Youth Summer Games.

Councillors on the county's economic development committee made the decision at a March 14 meeting after learning the City of Kawartha Lakes was not interested in partnering with Haliburton County on the bid.

At a previous meeting, councillors had agreed they would only proceed with the bid if the county's neighbour to the south was interested in getting onboard, which would have meant splitting the \$200,000 the host community must set aside in case of shortfall.

"At this point, we do not have a monetary agreement from the City of Kawartha Lakes," county economic development and tourism director Bob Smith told councillors, explaining the municipality was not interested in splitting the \$200,000 deposit or the \$6,000 fee for comprising the bid.

Consultant and Dysart et al Councillors Dennis Casey, who'd performed the task for other events in the past, would have been contracted to put together the bid, which would have included a thorough analysis of all the sporting venues.

Casey had told councillors that at least five events – including baseball, track, lawn bowling, rugby and swim-

ming – would have to take place outside the county since it doesn't possess adequate facilities.

It was partially for this reason that councillors felt a partnership with the City of Kawartha Lakes, where most of those events would have taken place, was a logical conclusion.

The municipality had been willing to commit some of its staff to the event.

"It's done," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "It doesn't make sense if they're not even willing to put up \$3,000."

Her colleagues agreed, although Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he had some mixed feelings about the situation.

"I've had lots of people come to me and say, 'we can do this,'" Fearrey said, stressing he thought the Ontario games were a valuable event. "Maybe this one is a little too big for us today."

Fearrey said he wouldn't mind seeing the county proceed with an evaluation of its facilities anyway, just to know how extreme the deficiencies are, but this seemed to arouse little interest in other committee members.

Casey had said that some of the county's facilities would need to be upgraded – dugouts would have needed to be built

for ball diamonds, for example – at the expense of the lower tiers.

The games, with 3,500 visitors, would have required about 1,000 volunteers.

The county had submitted a letter of intent to event organizers and the committee, comprised of the four Reeves, recommended that letter be withdrawn.

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Reads of the week



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will die unless they are reunited soon ... but can Anna, Tom and Suzanne pull off "The Great Rabbit Rescue" in time? Find out by requesting *The Great Rabbit Rescue* at the Haliburton County Public Library.



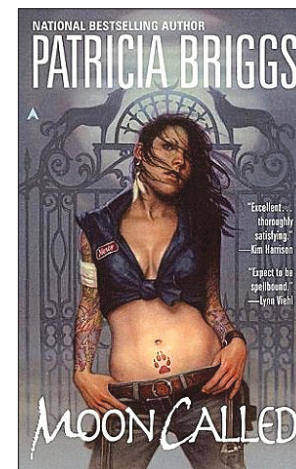
Local Celebrity Read:

Nicole Dolliver, a Grade 11 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, is currently reading Patricia Briggs's Mercy Thompson series, starting with *Moon Called*. In *Moon Called*, our protagonist Mercy Thompson finds herself tossed amid a power struggle between werewolf clans, after a young werewolf named Mac shows up at her door hungry, scared and in need of a job. Adam, her appealing Alpha Werewolf neighbor, comes along to help out after a particular bloody incident threatens Mercy and Mac's lives.

"I would suggest *Moon Called* to anyone who enjoys paranormal romance," says Dolliver. "That said, it is not similar to *Twilight* at all. The only similarity is that it also has a cou-

ple vampire characters in it. I think the Mercy Thompson series has a lot more mystery to its story. There are six books in the series and I have almost finished them all."

When it comes to fiction, Dolliver says that she prefers paranormal romance and mystery stories but that, it really depends on what exactly the book is about. For Dolliver, the Mercy Thompson series obviously fits the bill.



Junior Book of the Week: Junior Fiction Title

The Great Rabbit Rescue by Kate Davies

When Joe has gone to live with his dad, leaving behind his beloved pet rabbit, his friends Anna, Tom, and Suzanne try to look after it for him. One day, the rabbit becomes ill, and the kids are convinced it's because the rabbit is missing his best friend Joe. Now Joe is sick too and the trio are becoming increasingly certain that both Joe and the rabbit

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Councillors receive recommendations for Rail Trail

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County councillors will have a lot of information to digest as they go about formulating a plan for the future of the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

At their March 14 meeting, councillors on the county's economic development committee were visited by community planning consultant Kate Hall, who presented recommendations that came from the public consultation process she and a citizen steering group have completed during the past several months.

That process included a survey completed by some 13,000 people as well as a number of public workshops.

Results show that an overwhelming number of users believe a creative, shared-use model for motorized and non-motorized users is possible and Hall had some suggestions on ways to achieve this.

One recommendation is the creation of community zones along the corridor. These

would be quiet, park-like areas, perhaps with benches and interpretative signage, that would have lowered speed limits.

"It was the one that was most supported at the [final] workshop," Hall told councillors.

Another popular option was rerouting certain users onto Crown land in areas where that is feasible.

Hall said adjacent landowners to the trail – there are 139 in all – were particularly fond of this idea.

Allowing snowshoeing and cross-country skiing on the Rail Trail during the winter months (currently only snowmobiles are allowed on during the winter) was another recommendation, as was issuing heavy fines to discourage violation of trail rules.

Hall also suggested an online "busted" page, where infractions, but not names, would be published could help to mitigate unwanted behaviour on the corridor.

The county also needs to do a better job of highlighting the trail as part of the county's tourism tapestry, her findings show.

"It needs to be included in the county's

tourism promotion," Hall said.

Assigning a staff member to be responsible for oversight of the Rail Trail as well as partnerships with the OPP, the MNR and other bodies was another recommendation, as well as the creation of a yield system.

The development of a communications strategy, utilizing social media and using design elements such as barriers, boulders or serpentine treatment to mitigate speeding were suggested as well.

"We met every week for months," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Mofatt, who acted as the council liaison on the steering group. "There is certainly, based on this, a lot of work ahead."

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid thought Hall's report would serve as an excellent basis for the county in applying for grants for the Rail Trail.

While the Haliburton ATV Association has requested access to the trail beginning May 1, it was Hall's recommendation to keep the current ATV season of June through October intact.

Reid wondered what the rationale for this was.

Hall responded that there'd been strong opposition to an extended ATV season by adjacent landowners, that there was environmental integrity to consider and that for the past few years, there'd been very successful events put on by non-motorized groups along the trail in May.

Noting that the City of Kawartha Lakes allows ATVs on its portion of the trail commencing May 1, Reid said there was a lack of consistency and believed the county was out of touch and denying itself tourism opportunity by not doing the same.

County council will be voting on three dates – May 1, May 14 and June 1 – for the start of the ATV season later this month.

Committee members also recommended that side-by-side ATVs be permitted on the Rail Trail.

Hall will submit a full report, as well as a lengthier appendicized version, to council at the end of the month, both of which will be made available for public viewing.



Collecting more than sap

Godfrey Tyler of Waverly Brook Farms pours sap into the boiler, as part of the maple syrup production process. Tyler and wife, Jean, his children Sam and Joanie hosted a production crew that was collecting footage for Ontario Tourism in partnership with the government of Ontario. The footage will be distributed as part of a marketing campaign to places in Asia. The crew also visited the Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

Darren Lum Staff

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April 18 - Codrington Community Centre, 2992 County Road 30, Codrington
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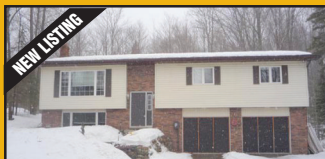
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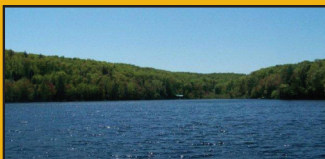
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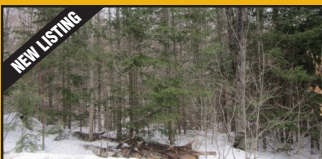
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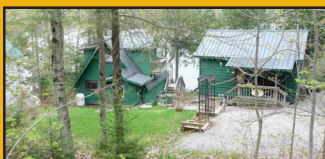
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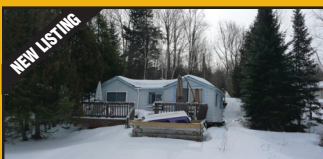
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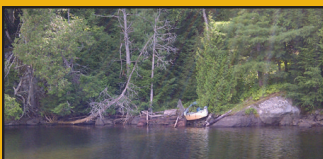
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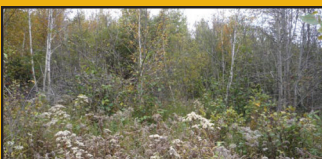
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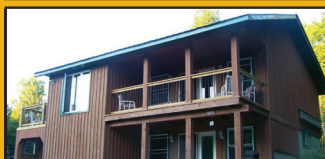
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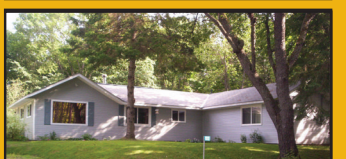
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Highlands East studio tour asks for council help

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The Highlands East Studio Tour is turning 10 years old this year.

In conjunction with the milestone anniversary, organizers of the annual tour are hoping to expand this year's event, with plans to add more workshops and ramp up advertising.

An initiative of the Highlands East Arts and Crafts Tour group, tour organizer Jan Simon proposed an outline of the plans for this year to Highlands East council during their March 13 meeting.

Organizers are hoping to draw twice as

many people to Highlands East during the tour, scheduled to take place on the weekends of Aug. 11 and 12, 18 and 19, said Simon.

New this year is a proposed workshop on mastering techniques in watercolours, taught by Peter John Reid, from Aug. 13 to 17.

A participant in the 2011 studio tour, Reid would instruct the daily workshops in the Robert McCausland Community Centre, in Gooderham.

The tour group is hoping to offer evening seminars on geocaching, also to be held in the community centre.

"By offering workshops in the week between the tour weekends, we will draw

people to Highlands East for a possible seven to 10 day time period," Simon wrote in her proposal to council.

The additional attractions will bring an influx of people to the area, thus supporting local accommodators and businesses, she said.

Marketing for the event will be done through local radio stations and newspapers, both in Haliburton and Bancroft.

With the added features to the tour, organizers are forecasting this year's event to bring in \$7,750 in total revenue.

Costs to run the tour will equal \$9,954, said Simon.

The group's current bank balance sits at \$200.

"We have applied for \$3,500 in funding from the Haliburton County Development Corpora-

tion," said Simon, adding the group has had prior, although nominal, successes with HCDC.

Participants of the tour, from membership dues, as well as corporate sponsors, will also generate income.

Organizers are turning to council to pick up the balance in covering costs, which rings in at just over \$2,000.

Council thanked Simon for all her hard work and the vision shared by members of the tour.

"I think this is pretty exciting," said Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton.

"I hope so," said Simon.

Council agreed to defer the item to budget deliberations, at which point a decision on the request would be made.

The Highlands East Studio Tour was founded by Elva Bates and Evelyn Saxby.

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2012-2013 Annual Work Schedule Bancroft Minden Forest

The **Bancroft District** office of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)** has reviewed and approved the **Bancroft Minden Forest Company (BMFC)** April 1, 2012-March 31, 2013 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Bancroft Minden Forest**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the BMFC office and the MNR public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning March 1, 2012 and throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres at North Kawartha Township Public Library in Apsley and ServiceOntario in Minden provide access to the Internet.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

BMFC is responsible for tree planting on the Bancroft Minden Forest. Please contact BMFC at 613-332-6890 for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

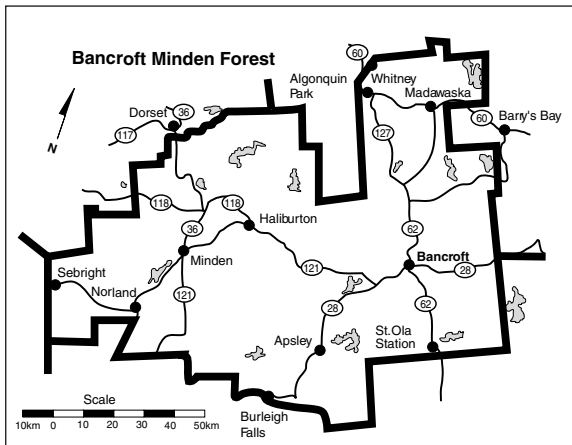
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More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNR staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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Draft bylaw aims to eliminate shoreline clearcutting

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 13 meeting of Highlands East council.

Haliburton County chief administrative officer Jim Wilson and director of planning Jane Tousaw gave an outline of the draft shoreline tree preservation bylaw to municipal councillors for discussion and feedback.

In the works for a number of months, the bylaw aims to set shoreline standards across the entire county, subject to adoption by the four municipalities.

"The main thing we're here to do is to protect against clearcutting ... to protect the trees," said Tousaw.

Lands subject to the bylaw are that within 30 metres of the high water mark.

A portion of the bylaw is made of up provincial legislation, Tousaw said.

Other sections address items such as the definition of a tree, spawning beds and sloped shorelines.

Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge asked if the county had received input from the health unit on the proximity of trees to septic beds.

Tousaw replied they hadn't but that she would look into it.

The municipality would have time to look over the draft bylaw before making a decision on adopting it, said Tousaw.

"By adopting this bylaw you would be handing over the responsibility to the county ... Highlands East can choose not to participate," she said.

Council thanked Wilson and Tousaw for the hours and dedication devoted to putting together the extensive draft.

Municipality signs fire agreement with MNR

Council approved a new fire protection agreement between Highlands East and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The partnership between the municipality and the MNR is like previous agreements, however this one will be in place forever, said fire chief Bill Wingrove.

"The agreement is reviewed every five years," said Wingrove.

The area under protection by the MNR is classified as Crown land and is the same region that was previously protected.

Not accepting the agreement would put the onus of protecting the Crown land on the municipality, part of which is not accessible by road, said Wingrove.

Tenders accepted for new machines

The Highlands East roads department will have some new equipment in the coming months after council accepted tender submissions for a backhoe and loader.

Based on transportation supervisor Earl Covert's recommendations, the municipality accepted a submission from John's Equipment for a backhoe, at a cost of \$80,214 plus tax.

Nortrax was awarded the tender for the loader, at a cost of \$143,624 plus tax.

Tourism town hall in the works

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

There was more talk of the county hosting a tourism town hall meeting during a county economic development committee meeting on March 14 and it looks like such an event could take place in May.

The meeting would be similar to one held in 2010, looking for feedback from tourism stakeholders on how they would like to see the county proceed as it reorganizes its economic development and tourism promotion department. The county is shedding its economic development role to its lower tiers to concentrate on tourism promotion.

"It's easy to say let's have a town hall . . . but we're looking for specific things," Algoquin Highlands Reeve and committee chairwoman Carol Moffatt said, asking her colleagues what they'd like to see in terms of outcomes.

Dysart et al Reeve and county Warden Murray Fearrey said he was hoping for a healthy turnout of a couple hundred people.

While the committee had been talking of hosting the meeting in the spring, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid wondered if holding the event in the fall might be better, since tourism providers already have their business plans for this year in place and since the busy summer season will soon be upon the county.

"I'm not sure what we gain as opposed to waiting for the fall," Reid said.

Moffatt thought it was imperative that the county begin formulating a plan for the department as soon as possible.

"There's been some considerable criticism that we don't have a plan," she said, adding that stakeholder feedback would also be useful in the creation of new websites for the county, an item that was included in the department's budget at her suggestion.

Outgoing economic development and tourism director Bob Smith and county chief administrative officer Jim Wilson both felt comfortable with a spring meeting.

Smith, who is retiring in April, said he could make himself available to assist with a May meeting.

There was some controversy recently over a council decision to leave \$80,000 out of the department's budget as a result of Smith's departure, with numerous stakeholders sending emails to council in protest of the move.

With two other employees in the department, it is unclear whether Smith will be replaced eventually.

Verbal queries have suggested the town hall could cost about \$5,000 for a consultant to facilitate the meeting as well as provide a followup report.

The county will be applying to Haliburton County Development Corporation for funding for the event.

Fabric of the seasons

Photos by Darren Lum



A close-up detail of a cluster from the 1210 leaves on the installation, Autumn Maple, by local fibre artist Laura Trach, who is exhibiting nine pieces at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton from March 10 to April 21.



Fibre artist, Laura Trach, left, laughs, standing with fellow artist, Tom Green, who gets a closer look at the intricate detail of Trach's installation piece, Autumn Maple during the opening reception of Seasons at the Rails End Gallery on Saturday, March 10. Trach has nine pieces in her show that will run until April 21. Close to 200 hours was needed to produce the Autumn Maple piece that has 1210 leaves and 240 branches. Trach's oldest piece is from 1993 and her newest was completed just days before the opening.

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Sports



Rotary bonspiel in honour of Jack Robertson

Haliburton Rotary Club's 35th annual Jack Robertson Curling Bonspiel was held March 7. Sixteen teams enjoyed the workout and fun time throughout the day. The championship was won by the Dominion Insurance Team from Toronto skipped by company president George Cooke, vice Trevor Wall, second John Smart and lead Allan Hanks. The Rotary Club and Haliburton Curling Club appreciated their support at the fundraising event. The second place team was skipped by Wayne Hussey along with Neil Oke, Larry Dart and Barry Willhelm. The Hussey team also won the Haliburton Lumber draw to the button contest. Jacqueline Metcalf thanked all in attendance for hosting this event in honour of her father. Rotarian Kim Emmerson produced a short video in memory of Jack as a store owner, curler and Rotarian. The support of our prize sponsors was appreciated. (The Dominion, Curry Motors Ltd, Koshlong Marina and Gifts, Sir Sam's Ski Area, YMCA Camp Wanakita, Pinestone Resort and Wayne Hussey.) Submitted by Arthur Dawson



Spring temperatures

Tina Koskelo, left, and friend Jennifer Paton enjoyed the warm temperatures earlier this month, skiing in tank tops at Glebe Park in Haliburton. Copyright Mike Darlington



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Jenn Little Special to the Echo

Emma Paul received special mention for her paper mache piece called Self Image.

HHSS students recognized in regional art show

The opening reception and awards presentation at the Michal Manson annual student exhibition March 9 in Bancroft brought students and their parents from Haliburton, Barry's Bay, Madoc and Bancroft.

The work was outstanding, showing great variety, imagination and skill, said juror

Donna Gilmour. There were 60 pieces in all with 15 works from each participating school.

The show is on at the the Art Gallery of Bancroft at 16 Flint Ave. until March 31.

It was sponsored by Don Koppin, contractor.



Alexandra Ratkovic won the best drawing award for her piece entitled A Portrait of Yuri Pleskun.



Spectators check out art at the Michal Manson student exhibition in Bancroft Friday, March 9. Several pieces of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students' art was on display.

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Winning HHSS students included Alexandra Ratkovic, Shelby Reed, Brendon Bauman, Alana-Rose Coty, Emma Paul, Kristina Manas-Chmielowski.

MadeinHaliburton.ca hosts exhibition, launch and celebration

The public is invited to join owners Don and Marie Gage on Saturday, April 7 at 11 a.m. for the official ribbon cutting at The Art Hive to celebrate the start of their online gallery business.

This innovative business brings together interested artists who have an affiliation with the Haliburton Highlands to market and sell their products online.

The website already has 35 well-known Haliburton Highlands artists and art organizations and over 300 products. The number is growing weekly.

For the buying public this new enterprise offers a constant supply of Canadian-made products that will be shipped directly to their home.

These artistic creations can be enjoyed yourself or shared with family and friends on a special occasion.

Marie is passionate as she explains why the couple have created an online gallery for the Haliburton Highlands.

"It's simple really: this is a very talented artistic community and the work of local artists deserves to be showcased and marketed worldwide. Don and I believe that MadeinHaliburton.ca will introduce both our artists and the Highlands community to an online market."

Since 1968 a small group of citizens envisioned that the Haliburton Highlands could become a renowned artistic centre.

The rugged landscape of forests and lakes was thought to be an ideal location for artists to be creative in their home-based businesses scattered around the region.

Forty years later the arts have truly blossomed in this community.

It is now the home of a full-time Fleming College campus that attracts approximately 150 full-time students, and 3,500 students for weeklong courses given by more than 150 artist faculty members who are associated with a variety of media and methods.

There are 190 artists and arts related organizations registered with the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands.

It is known that this is only part of the total composition of the arts within the Haliburton Highlands as some individuals choose not to become members.

There are several year round public galleries; five community museums; three studio tours; two dance studios; the Highlands Summer Festival (live theatre), the Highlands Opera Studio; and a variety of live musical performances through the Forest Festival and Folk Society.

All of this has been created by a small but vibrant community with only 17,000 permanent residents. Art "production" is one of the main economic development enterprises of this region.

Don adds that although the Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour and other tours and events do bring many visitors to see local art studios and some artists have a presence on the web, there are few "buy now" opportunities for the public to take advantage of.

"We are now taking their work to the world through our online gallery and marketplace and offering people around the world the opportunity to buy now 365 days of the year, 24 hours a day."

"I am excited to be part of the Made In Haliburton website concept! I like to think about this website as an online studio tour for people who cannot make the trip to Haliburton. Marie and Don have taken great care with every detail to make sure all artists who participate are professionally represented," says Dani Stahle, one of the 35 artists participating in the website.

"MadeinHaliburton.ca is a perfect marketing tool for me. Now I can spend more time in my studio creating work and letting someone else handle the selling, shipping etc. I also like the fact that it is promoting the Haliburton Highlands in general. The more attention we bring to our com-

munity the better for everyone," states Charles O'Neil, a well-known wire sculptor.

Start-up costs of the business were partially covered by a grant from the province of Ontario's Ministry of Tourism and Culture's Cultural Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF).

The Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands, The Art Hive Maple Lake Artists Collective and RightEyedDeer Press received funding from this grant to assist in marketing MadeInHaliburton.ca.

A committee of the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands is responsible for steering the process of development and will continue to provide assistance with the jurying process of applicants.

The Gages have been investigating and developing this idea for almost two years.

Thanks to a very hard-working committee of the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands, and the cooperation of the artists, the website is now a reality.

Although the official launch is not until April, MadeinHaliburton.ca is now live online and open for business.

The exhibit featuring participating artists will be on display at The Art Hive until April 22.

-Submitted by Don and Marie Gage



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Scott vote gets Liberals riled

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Earlier this month, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott came under heavy fire from the local Liberal riding association and defeated rival Rick Johnson for voting against the legislation of the Eastern Ontario Development Fund.

That vote, which took place in Queen's Park on March 5, was to legislate the fund – making it a permanent provincial program – as well as establish a similar fund in southwestern Ontario.

Despite opposition from the PC caucus, the bill passed second reading and will go to the committee stage.

According to the release, the fund, through which businesses can apply to province's economic development and innovation ministry for assistance, has helped to create or retain nearly 12,000 jobs in the region since it began in 2008.

"The Liberals won't tell us how much is left in [the fund]," Scott told the paper. "We've caught them saying everything from \$18 million to \$23 million. We said, 'well, why aren't you using that?'"

The EODF was to provide \$20 million a year over four years.

According to Scott, the Liberal party is politicizing the issue.

"They're actually pitting region against region," she said. "I don't have anything against southwestern Ontario. They've had job losses too as all of Ontario has. The Liberals made it political to get us to vote against eastern Ontario. We're saying, let's be responsible. You don't need legislation. Where's the money that's left over?"

Scott said the bill was a thin one and lacked specifics on how a fund for southwestern Ontario would work and whether a fund in that region would come at the expense of eastern Ontario.

"So is eastern Ontario going to get less?" she asked. "How do we know because there's nothing in the bill that will tell us."

A challenge of the program, which Scott said was valuable for the riding, has been that businesses must have a minimum of 10 employees to apply for funding and Scott said this needed to be changed so that more business owners could participate.

The MPP also stressed that the province is facing record debt and deficit and that it needs to rein in its spending.

Johnson, who was listed on the Liberal release as the media contact, dismissed Scott's claim that the Liberals were being unclear about how much money was left in

the fund.

"It was an \$80 million program over four years . . . \$53 million has been spent so far and we're in year four," the former MPP said.

Johnson agreed the minimum requirement of 10 employees had been a problem since many rural businesses are small and said the minimum number of employees was dropped last year.

He pointed to four companies – Mariposa Dairy, Cameron Steel, Sir Sam's Ski Resort and Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve – that had received money from the EODF, creating a total of 45 jobs.

Twenty-four jobs, he said, were created at Sir Sam's and Haliburton Forest collectively.

Throughout eastern Ontario, the EODF has funded 479 projects, many of which have yet to be announced.

"But the frustrating part of this is that the fund is set up for rural Ontario . . . it doesn't include Ottawa, it doesn't include Kingston," Johnson said, adding that the continuation of the fund was part of the Liberal campaign in the fall election. "I guess it was because it was a Liberal idea they couldn't approve it because it just doesn't make sense."

Johnson said the fund for southwestern Ontario would be completely separate from the eastern Ontario fund.

"The southwestern Ontario fund was a

new fund that was created because of the success of the [eastern] one," he said, adding it wouldn't decrease funding for the EODF. "They're two separate programs. Maybe through committee, there'll be a better understanding by the Conservative caucus of the benefits of this."

When asked if he'd be the local Liberal candidate in the next provincial election, Johnson said, "I won't say 'no.' I promised on election night that I would stick my nose in when I felt there was a reason to stick my nose in. This was a reason."

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus last week released a report called *Facing our Fiscal Challenges*, which looks at the unique and difficult position the region's rural municipalities find themselves in due to limited tax bases and large amounts of infrastructure.

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey said the EODF has been valuable for the region and the riding.

"I think Mr. Hudak's come out against it but I don't understand a member in eastern Ontario, quite frankly, not supporting it," Fearrey told the paper in a phone interview. "I don't know if [Scott] clearly understood the economic impact and I know that the program for the Conservatives is that there's no money and we've got to correct it."

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Irish eyes were smiling at the West Guilford Community Centre on March 17 as some of the county's musicians put on a St. Patrick's Day concert. Organized by Eleanor Cooper, the event was a fundraiser for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, which is raising money for new X-ray machines at the Haliburton and Minden hospitals. \$560 was raised and there were 56 people in attendance. Members of the Algonquin Brass came dressed for the occasion.



There was a healthy turnout for the show, with many audience members dressed in green.

County hits up bikers

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Some people would prefer not to cross paths with bikers.

County economic development and tourism director Bob Smith is not one of those people.

At a March 14 economic development committee meeting, Smith presented councillors with bright green coasters.

The plastic discs read "Ride the Highlands" and feature a motorcycle graphic as well as an 800-number and tourism website address.

And the discs are more than just coasters.

With ridged bottoms, they can also be used to support a motorcycle's kickstand, preventing it from toppling over on a soft road shoulder.

The county will be handing the items out when it attends the Toronto International Spring Motorcycle Show for the first time this year.

The hope is that, given their usefulness, bikers will hang on to the coasters with their constant reminder that the county is a good place to ride.

"We're hoping to get some mileage out of that," Smith said.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, who noted her township had been visited by a Honda Goldwings club last year and said it, along with a GTA-based Harley club, would be returning this year, thought marketing to motorcycle enthusiasts was a great move on the part of the county.

"It's exciting," Reid said. "They all love the terrain."

Last year, the Harley club's theme had been wolves and members visited the wolf centre at Haliburton Forest.

This year's theme is lumberjacks and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt was quick to mention that the historic log chute at Big Hawk Lake would fit into that theme nicely.



Food for fighters

Marilyn Frost, left, Carrie Fraser and Roslind Clare, members of the Foodland Fighters, were selling beef on a bun, pop and chips at the Haliburton Foodland on March 17, raising money for Relay for Life. They thanked Foodland, Maple Leaf Foods and Frito-Lay for their sponsorship. Relay for Life is a fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society.

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"There are many exciting initiatives that have begun over the past year to improve our geological assets from a tourism perspective," says Michael Bainbridge, recreational



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— Michael Bainbridge

geology project coordinator for the OHTO. "From restoring the famed Dr. Wilson Collection at the Perth Museum, to securing the rights to public mineral collecting sites, to participating in the geology-themed documentary *The Land Between*, Ontario's Highlands is becoming the premiere destination for uncovering Canada's most profound hidden geological treasures."

To support the development of this tourism experience, the OHTO recognizes the importance of raising awareness amongst the tourism industry about how this experience could potentially drive visitation to local communities. The OHTO invites tourism stakeholders, EDOs, accommodators, attraction operators and anyone with a keen interest in the geology of Ontario's Highlands to attend one of three information sessions offered between April 10 and 12. These information sessions will run from 9:30 a.m. to

2:30 p.m. and will be held on Tuesday, April 10 at the River's Edge Golf & Country Club in Bancroft; on Wednesday, April 11 at the Eagle's Nest Community Hall in Eganville; and on Thursday, April 12 at the Codes Mill Inn & Spa in Perth. Attendance is free of charge, and lunch is provided.

The sessions will include a presentation by Michael Bainbridge who will speak about what makes recreational geology a truly unique offering for Ontario's Highlands, present the development progress to date, outline plans for the future, and answer questions about how you can benefit from, and build on, the initiative. After lunch, there will be a brief regional update by Stephanie Hessel, the OHTO's tourism development and Industry Relations Coordinator, followed by a special presentation by Leora Berman, Executive Director of The Land Between. She will give an engaging talk about the special ecotone that covers much of the region, and how everything is linked to geology – flora, fauna, heritage and culture – giving you food for thought about how to find, package, and present opportunities for recreational geology in ways you might never have considered.

Space is limited. If you wish to attend one of the information sessions in Bancroft, Eganville, or Perth, please RSVP to geology@ohto.ca by March 29.

The OHTO is a not-for-profit organization mandated by the province of Ontario to increase tourism within the counties of Haliburton, Lanark, and Renfrew and portions of Frontenac, Hastings, and Lennox and Addington. The OHTO works in collaboration with eight sub-regional marketing organizations, tourism agencies and authorities including: Algonquin Nation, Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce, ComfortCountry.ca, Haliburton Highlands, Lanark County Tourism, Land O' Lakes Tourist Association, Ottawa Valley Tourist Association, and the Rideau Heritage Route Tourism Association. Find out more about the OHTO at www.ohto.ca

For more information, please contact Michael Bainbridge, recreational geology project coordinator, at geology@ohto.ca

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Kathy McKelvey-Brown took this photo of some blue jays at her feeder.



Above, Janice Hardy captured a photo of a red fox eating seeds underneath a feeder on Kennisis Lake on March 8.



Left, Kathy McKelvey-Brown snapped this photo of a male cardinal at her feeder.

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Irish evening brings in funds

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper 754-2278

The Irish music on March 17 was well done and well received by the audience of almost 60 people who attended to raise money for the X-ray machines of HHHS.

Dale Walker spoke at the beginning of the performance with thanks for the donations at the door and information on how the fund is growing.

Earl led off with the piping *The Saffron Kilt* and *Dear Old Donegal*. John Pugh not only played *Danny Boy* on harmonica but also part of the four personal ukulele presentation.

Irish tunes, the others being Jeanette Campbell, Carol English and Lois Raw. Beth Johns and Norris Turner entertained with fiddle and guitar music before a sing-along

which all joined. Ann and Cheryl Cohoan sang the mother and daughter duet of Molly Malone this being Ann's debut as performer as she sang harmony so tunefully.

Apparently Irish music for brass quintet is not all that easy to come by, but Alqonguin Brass came up with four selections very well performed by Bas Bouthoorn, Bob Penfold, Hugh Taylor, Ken Loney, and Beth Johns.

Wayne Cooper sang a romantic Irish ballad and a funny tale which had us all laughing, while Bill Gliddon accompanied on the keyboard. Bill also accompanied Christopher Chumbley's tenor solo *Kerry Dancing*. Wayne accompanied Cheryl in *Look to the Rainbow*, and Lindsey Coates in *Isle of Innisfree* and *How are things in Gloca Morra?*

Such good quality both vocal and instrumental! Kathleen Owens on keyboard and Earl on fiddle completed the selections of the evening.

It fell to me to thank the participants and audience and to invite them to partake of goodies at the close of the event.

Chumbleys have had company over the March Break. The Halfyard family from Mississauga for a day or so, that is Laura Jane and Kurt with Wilhem and Miranda, at the Ken Chumbleys, and at the David Chumbley, Bethany Mawbey and girls (now living in Orillia) for a day is or so. Brenda, Steve and Sean Cowie of Burlington were also in the Chumbleys neighbourhood at the time.

Gerald, Danika and Seth Morrison of Elmira visited the Perry Morrisons over the holidays and Jean also came from St. Jacobs.

Spring is in evidence with snow mostly gone, robins spotted here and there, our wild turkeys back in the mornings beneath apple trees, and of course milder weather which is too mild for much run of sap in the maple bushes.

Euchre scores last Tuesday:

High - Colleen and Cliff Davison

Low - Sandy Poulton and Maureen Laplante

Most Lone Hands - Liz Jesseman and Leon Jones

Skating carnival planned for Saturday

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark 448-2018

There's going to be a Ghoulish Spectacular of Stars On Ice at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena here in town on Saturday, March 24. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. the Highlands East Recreational Figure Skating Club will present their annual Skating Carnival. It's always entertaining to watch the young skaters show off their creative skills on ice.

The costumes and music are always fun to see. Admis-

sion is by donation.

The loonie lunch planned for this week at St. Margaret's Church has been postponed indefinitely.

A number of children enjoyed the Kids Can Grow program at the Wilberforce library branch on Friday, March 16. During the finale of this hour filled spring event they planted seeds in their freshly painted flower pots. Now they can wait and watch them sprout and grow and maybe even produce a pumpkin and some beans.

After the tasty spaghetti supper at the Wilberforce Legion last Friday evening a number of the diners lingered while local musicians gradually gathered and set up for their weekly jam session. The group kept growing until even-

tually there were 11 people happily jamming joyfully. Ten guitarists and one vocalist sitting around playing for the sheer joy of playing.

It was likely good for them to have an audience, but they would have made music without us. They meet most Friday evenings to play and sing. A very talented group with a wide variety of songs. Drop in and enjoy their music.

Late sad news: we have learned that our dear friend Marion Tallman died on Sunday afternoon, March 18 at Highland Wood in Haliburton. Family members had been by her side for several days and nights. Funeral service and visitation will take place later this week.

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Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE DARLENE ISABELLE FEARREY

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **DARLENE ISABELLE FEARREY**, late, of the Township of Dysart, in the Country of Haliburton, who died on or about the 15th day of February 2012, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 4th day of April 2012.

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Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 7th day of March 2012.

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Children in control of our cars

Joe Duarte
QMI Agency

I read one of those Facebook lists the other day about 50 things a dad should do for his daughter, and one of the items was "let her hold the steering wheel."

Now, I understand the sentiment and I appreciate that it's one of those things many dads have done over the years (for sons, as well as daughters); and, I would bet there are still some out there that continue the practice, as frowned upon as it is today.

In this day and age of legislating complete attention on your driving and complete control over your vehicle, it's no wonder it's frowned upon, but the nostalgia lost in the practice is that Dad was never out of control of the vehicle.

Perhaps even just the opposite - when you have your baby on your lap, you're probably paying even closer attention to your driving than you would be trying to amuse her as she sits beside you (yes kids, there was a time when children were not only allowed to ride in the front seat of the car, they were encouraged to do so when mom wasn't along for the ride).

I'm surprised we're even allowed to take kids along in

the car these days, what with all the studies that show they are one of the biggest distractions to drivers.

I'm surprised we don't have more school buses picking up children to chauffeur them around the block to the school yard, or that we aren't required to pay an extra couple hundred dollars for sports club fees so the kids can be safely transported to and from practices, games and tournaments in hired buses.

You know drivers' unions would support that legislation completely, if it meant more work or more jobs ... and isn't that who keeps our left wing governments in power?

Sorry, I digress ...

The point is that dads do a lot for their kids when they're in the car. I remember my elementary school kids asking me about the "fast" car I was driving that week.

And yes, I'd give them short bursts of acceleration to get them oooing and awing - all in safe situations and never to even exceed limits, mind you (launching to 50 km/h is as awesome a feeling to a kid as the experience of flat out quarter mile runs on a drag strip are to young adults) - as I'm sure every dad has at some point.

Moms - the responsible ones - probably not so much. Plus, it's hard to get any sort of burst of acceleration from a minivan.

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1:15 - 2:00pm – Keynote Speaker:

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The surprisingly strange ecology of sugar maple canopies

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community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca



March 31: Gooderham United Church Easter Bake & Craft Sale 10a.m. To 3p.m. Lunch Available including Homemade soup, sandwiches deserts and beverages

April 4: The Ontario Senior Games 55+ is having an Open House at the Haliburton Curling Club from 4 pm to 7 pm. There are 24 events from Walking to Euchre and Bridge. Applications can be picked up at various locations in the County or go online to www.ontarioseniorgames.ca or www.canoefm.com

April 7: The Norland United Church will hold its annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 7th starting at 8am. \$7.00-adults, \$3.00 children under 12 years, and preschool are free

April 28: SIRCH Hike for Hospice Collect pledges on your own or get a team together and join us at Haliburton High School at 10:15 AM to register. Hike begins at 11 AM. Light refreshments, BBQ, entertainment and awards for most pledges collected. **100% of funds raised stay in our community!**

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• **Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574

• **The Haliburton Highland's Rug Hookers** meet every other Monday at the Minden Legion from 10-2. Learn traditional rug hooking or bring an ongoing project. Call Linda 705-447-1169 or Peggy 705-286-3387

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• **Minden Food Bank** is in desperate need of more volunteers. For any one interested they can call the Food Bank from 9-4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays or by emailing us at mindencommunityfoodbank@bellnet.ca Thanks in advance for your assistance.

• **Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636** is looking for volunteers to help out in the branch kitchen. If you can spare a few hours each week to help the Legion continue their support to the community and the membership please call the branch at 705-286-4541. It will be much appreciated.

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• **TOASTMASTERS** meet at the Minden United Church Wednesdays at 7pm Everyone Welcome ages 18 – 80. What is TOASTMASTERS ? Visit www.toastmasters.org

• **Volunteer Recruitment: Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes Health and Support Services** is currently recruiting volunteers Training provided. Contact Eileen MacCormack, 705-324-7323, ext. 274 or emaccormack@community-care.on.ca.

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Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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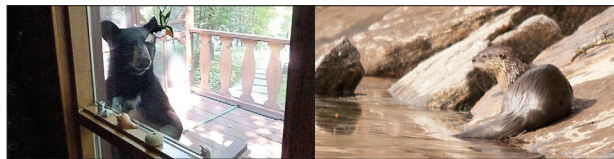
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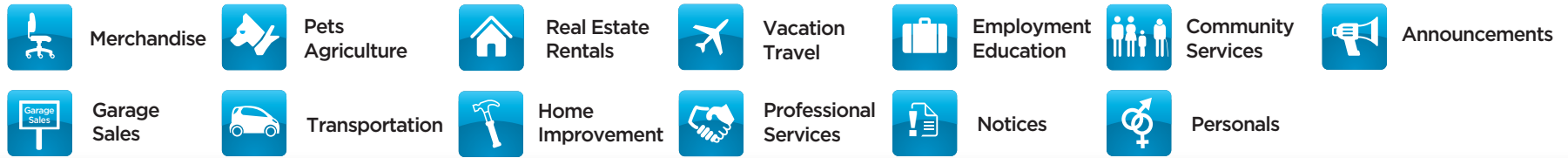
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A800

General Employment A800

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*A million times I've needed you
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Are the hardest things to say,
My dearest one, I loved you,
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BARNSDALE, Nancy - Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, March 11, 2012 at the age of 36. Loving mom of Matthew, and loving daughter of Lynda and the late Fred Barnsdale. Dear sister of Sid and Sandra Barnsdale, William Barnsdale, Rick and Beth Shank. Lovingly remembered by her aunt Marlene Haggarty, by her uncle Tim (Sharon) Berry, and also by her nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden KOM 2K0 on Friday, March 16, 2012 from 12:00 noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Nancy's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception will follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place. Donations in memory of Nancy can be made to a Trust Fund that will be set up for her son Matthew Barnsdale and would be appreciated by the family.
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TURNER, Elizabeth "Betty" - Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Friday, March 16, 2012 in her 84th year. Beloved wife of the late Bill, dear mother of Phil Bingham (Sarah) of Boston, Joan Pope (Doug) of Whitby, Mike Turner (Elizabeth) of Haliburton. Loving grandmother of Merritt, Jennifer, Helen, Mike and Emily. Fondly remembered by her family and friends. A Private Service will be held at a later date. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario, KOM 2K0.
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TATTERSALL, Barry J. - Peacefully passed away in his sleep on March 15, 2012. Most sadly missed by his daughter Karen, husband Jamie Wadsworth and grandchildren Paul, Conrad and Sydney; and by his beloved wife and soul mate Shirley Harrison, and also by her sons Stephen, Bryan and Kevin. Lifelong friends who very much will miss him; Alistair and Rita Keith of B.C., Joe Bagnato, Peter Ward, Diane Lefevre (doe eyes), Al Morrison and Pamela Harrison. Cremation has been held. In memoriam, a donation to the Princess Margaret Hospital would be appreciated and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario KOM 2K0. Barry was a #1 fan of Pink Floyd.
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Charles Arthur 'Art' Pritchard

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully on March 8, 2012 at Highland Wood Haliburton, Ontario in his 94th year. Beloved husband of Joy Pritchard. Loving father to Pamela, Geoffrey (Mychelle) and Guy (Laurel). Art leaves behind one grandchild, April, and one great grandchild, Ashley. He is lovingly remembered by his nephews Wayne (Helena), Ted (Lorean), John (Cindy) and Joel (Laurie). Sadly, his niece Wendy predeceased him. Art was born in Brockville ON, just a short trip down the St. Lawrence from Gananoque, where his wife-to-be was born a year later. The St. Lawrence would remain important to Art for the rest of his life. As a young man, Art worked in the Hollinger Mine in Timmins ON. It was there he developed his crushing handshake and backbreaking bear hugs. During WWII, Art served as captain in the Canadian Armoured Corps and trained many young recruits that went overseas. Art was a voracious reader and it seemed natural for him to pursue a career in education. He began as a high school visual arts teacher in London ON, then he moved his family to Toronto where he became principal. Later, Art moved to Cornwall ON where he returned to the job he enjoyed most: teaching visual arts. Art loved working with his hands as a carpenter. He also loved listening to classical music and the music of the Big Band Era. Drawing and painting, however, remained his greatest passions. Through his many pursuits, Art managed to instill in his children an appreciation for what was beautiful in the world.

Private Graveside Service

A Private Graveside Service will take place at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 (705)457-9209**. As expressions of sympathy donations to Community Care Haliburton County or Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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Marion Tallman BScN (nee Campbell)

(Formerly of Wilberforce, Ontario)

Peacefully surrounded by her family at Highland Wood in Haliburton on Sunday afternoon, March 18, 2012 in her 85th year. Beloved wife of the late Karl Tallman. Loving mother of Lynn (Grant Goods) of Kelowna, B.C., Anne (Morris Elliott) of Peterborough, Bill of Wilberforce and Doug (Patti) of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Kim, Brandon, Tyler, Lauren, Alexandra, Cameron, Sonny, Dillon, Jesse and Samantha. Dear sister of Don (Shirley) of Ilderton. Predeceased by her sister Mildred and her brother Keith Campbell (Lorna) of Ilderton. Also lovingly remembered by her many neices, nephews, her brother-in-laws Ernie Tallman (Elaine), Ian Davidson and her sister-in-law Sylvia Tallman. Marion's nursing career spanned many years from the Red Cross Outpost in Wilberforce, Haliburton Red Cross Hospital, Bancroft Health Unit and lastly nearly 30 years at the Haliburton Health Unit.

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Vincent Gillon

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



Peacefully at Haliburton Highlands Health Services Friday March 16, 2012 in his 70th year. Beloved husband of the late Helen Gillon. Loving father to Robert (Kirsty) and Eleanor (William). Vincent leaves behind one grandchild, Carson. Cherished son of the late John and Alexandria Gillon. Loving brother to the late Betty McArdle and survived by brothers Jack (Catherine) and Paul (Jenny). He is lovingly remembered by his many nephews and nieces and his extended family. Vincent was born in Gourrock, Scotland and moved to Canada

as a young man. He is leaving behind many long time friends he met throughout his life; at the Ministry of Transportation in Toronto where he worked, as a member of the Brampton Scottish Club, as past president of the Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada and member of the Clan Maclean. While living in Haliburton Vincent helped run the Head of the Lakes Bed and Breakfast with his late wife Helen. He was a member of the Haliburton Highland Games committee and member of the Haliburton Lions Club. Vincent enjoyed sharing stories and knowledge of all things Scottish, he loved horses and photography. Vincent will be sadly missed by many.

Visitation & Funeral Service

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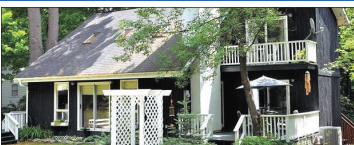


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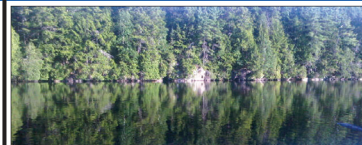


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- Decks/Balcony/Hot Tub

Call Fred at 705-286-2911 or visit www.fredchapple.com

KENNISIS RIVER

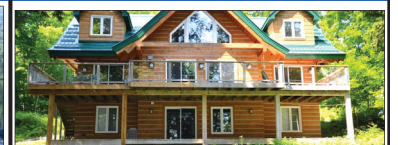


\$249,900

- Private, majestic river lot
- Sand & gravel shoreline, south facing view
- mature evergreen and hardwood trees
- back on to Hbton Forest & Wildlife Reserve

Call Ken and Jacquie at 705-457-1011 or visit www.kenbarry.com

EXCLUSIVE LISTING!

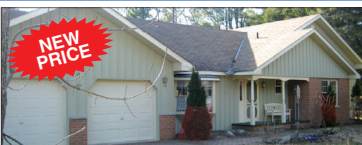


\$799,000

- Muskawabi Lake! 220 Feet of Sand/Rock Shoreline! 5 Bedrooms & 4 Bathrooms! Main Fl Master Bedroom with Ensuite! Fully Finished Walkout Basement Offering 3400 Sq Ft in this Custom Yr Rd Log Residence. Stone Propane Fireplace, Hardwood Flooring All Nestled on 1.63 Acres of Total Privacy Close to Haliburton.

Call John and Marj at 705-457-1011 or visit www.johnparish.net

INGOLDSBY

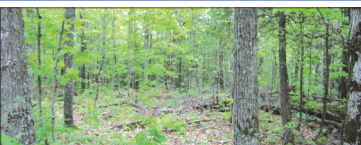


\$259,900

- Custom built home in the quiet hamlet of Ingoldsby
- 3 bedrooms; 2 bathrooms
- 245' frontage; .79 acre
- 1600 square feet

Call Lisa at 705-457-0364 or visit www.lisamercer.ca

5.3 ACRES OF PRIVACY



\$39,000

- Year round road
- Drive way in
- Building site cleared
- Close to excellent boating and fishing

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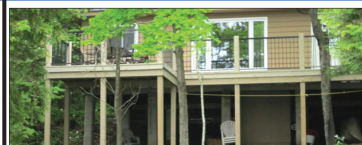
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LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE

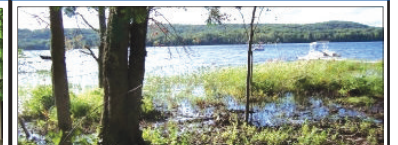


\$314,900

- Beautiful, well kept 4 season cottage on Little Glamor Lake
- New maple kitchen. New hardwood flooring. Lots of pine throughout
- Great sand beach with great swimming
- Very private yard with lots of trees

Call Doug Farrow at 905-925-4972 or visit www.doug@dougfarrow.com

BEECH LAKE ACREAGE



\$235,000

- Private and easily accessible 48 acres
- Direct waterfront on Beech Lake
- Level and nicely treed property has a stream that meanders through
- Situated in an area of fine new homes and cottages.

Call Tom and Gail Tempest at 705-286-2911 or visit www.youronlineagents.com/galitempest

TORY HILL



\$144,900

- 3 bedrooms
- Fully finished basement
- Hardwood flooring

Call Terry at 705-457-1011 or visit www.terrylcar.com

LITTLE REDSTONE LAKE



\$849,900

- Enjoy a Quiet evening by the stone Fireplace
- Or sit under the stars at the custom Fire pit
- 3000 sq ft Finished living space, Dr well, F/A
- Far from City lights & Noise peaceful Oasis

Call Kennis Lake Team at 705-754-4242 or visit www.cottagecountryhaliburton.com

HORSESHOE LAKE



\$299,500

- Fantastic big lake view with southern exposure.
- Three bedroom four season getaway vacation cottage!
- Immaculate, large deck, bunkie. A must see!
- Beautiful safe sand beach, two lake chain.

Call Bill Kulas at 705-286-2911 ext 444 or visit www.billkulas.com

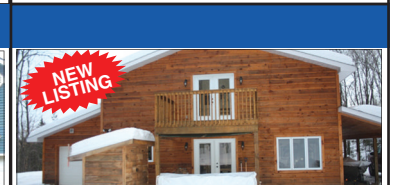
KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE



\$625,000

- Tastefully finished, 4+1 bedroom, 2 storey home/cottage
- Fully finished basement 3000+ sqft of living space
- Nicely landscaped lot, 104' of frontage on prestigious five lake chain
- Beautiful sunsets from lakeside patio and firepit area

Call Ted Vasey at 705-457-1011 or visit www.youronlineagents.com/tedvasey

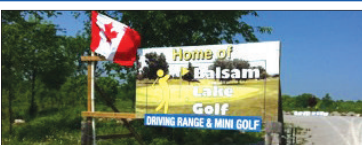


\$279,000

- Beautiful three bedroom, two bath home built in 2009. Features great room with high cathedral ceiling, slate and pine flooring throughout, over 3 acres of land offering great privacy. Efficient, cozy and charming! Shows pride of ownership. Call Jeff and Jess.

Call Jeff Wilson at 705-457-8487 or visit www.RealEstate-Haliburton.com

HALIBURTON BY THE LAKE



\$429,900

- Driving Range and Mini Golf
- Fully finished basement
- Hardwood flooring

Call Karen at 647-236-9601 or visit www.youronlineagents.com/karenwood

CLEMENT LAKE ROAD

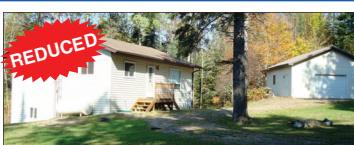


\$359,900

- Spacious 3 PLUS bedroom home with open eating area, L.R., large kitchen w/ island, walkout and walk-in closet off of mas.
- 2 bedrooms, 2 rooms upstairs for den or office or guests. Full base.
- Enjoy access to the private park area at the lake.

Call Deb at 705-457-1011 or visit www.youronlineagents.com/deblambe

LITTLE STRAGGLE LAKE



\$425,000

- 4 Season Executive Home w/ 200' Water Frontage 1 + 2 Bedrm / 3 Bathrm., Central Air Attached Heated Dble. Garage w/Workshop 3000 sq. ft. Living Space, W/O Finished Basement Year Round Private Road

Call Team Forget at 705-448-2222 or visit www.haliburtonhighlands-remax.com

HALIBURTON VILLAGE



\$179,900

- Beautiful century home with view of Haliburton
- Original hardwood floors, fireplace, walkout to lake

Call Geoff at 705-286-2911 ext 245 or visit www.haliburtonwaterfront.com



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